



2001 Wetlands Reserve Program

Program Focus:

Emphasis is given to sites located in the North American Waterfowl Management Plan Priority Area or in major floodplains. Sites that join a permanently protected area or contribute to the protection of a threatened/endangered plant or animal also receive priority for funding. Other environmental and financial factors are taken into account to ensure that the highest quality properties are accepted into the program.

Alabama Summary

Overview

The Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) is a voluntary program that provides technical and financial assistance to eligible landowners to restore, enhance, and protect wetlands. Landowners have the option of enrolling eligible lands through permanent easements, 30-year easements, and restoration cost-share agreements.

Alabama's program has placed emphasis on restoring declining wetland habitats. Although bottomland hardwoods are most commonly restored, areas that contain cypress depressions and cypress/tupelo gum swamps are priorities.

Accomplishments

Alabama NRCS has enrolled 803 acres under permanent easement and 772 acres under 30-year easement.

Program Benefits

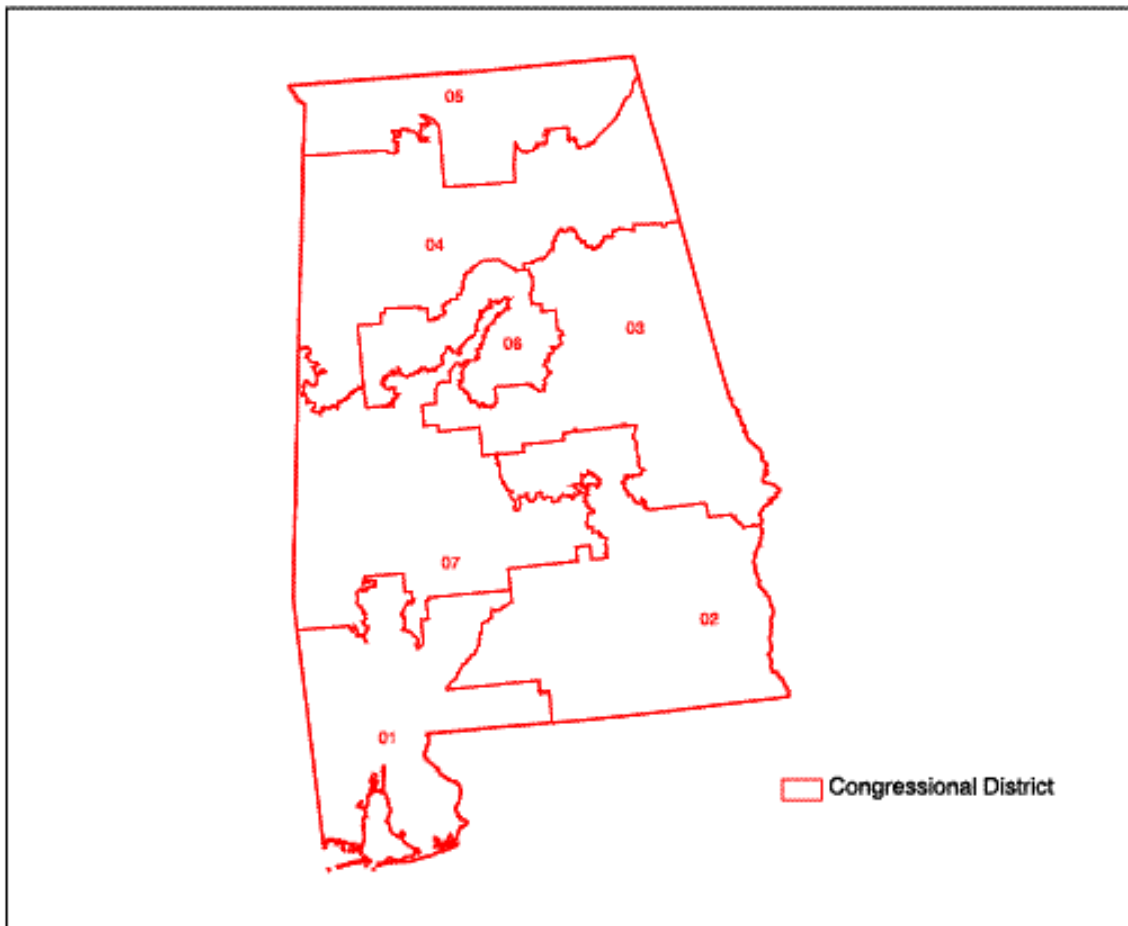
Alabama WRP easements provide habitat for waterfowl and other migratory birds as well as wetland dependant wildlife. In addition, tree restoration activities improve water quality, recharge groundwater, and provide valuable flood reduction benefits. Emphasis is placed on restoration and protection of declining ecosystems and the plants and animals that exist in those ecosystems.

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Alabama Dollars and Contracts by Congressional District



Alabama Dollars and Contracts

Congressional Districts	Fiscal Year 2001		Cumulative Total (95-01)	
	Obligated Dollars	Number of Contracts	Obligated Dollars	Number of Contracts
District 1	0	0	0	0
District 2	0	0	0	0
District 3	0	0	0	0
District 4	0	0	\$834,500	6
District 5	0	0	\$252,000	5
District 6	0	0	0	0
District 7	0	0	\$684,400	4
State Totals	0	0	1,770,900	15

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